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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF FRENCH CEREAL PRODUCERS' CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY - AT ANNUAL CONGRESS JUNE 18-19, FRENCH CEREAL PRODUCERS (A.G.P.B.) ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASKING FOR SEPARATE INTERVENTION PRICES FOR FEED QUALITY WHEAT AND BAKING QUALITY WHEAT. A.G.P.B. SHARPLY CRITICIZED EC MANAGEMENT OF CAP POLICIES FOR CEREALS IN 1974-75, INCLUDING ALLEGED INFLUENCE OF U.S. OFFICIALS. BASED ON CURRENT CROP PROSPECTS FOR 1975, REPORT PRESENTED PROJECTING INCREASE IN EXPORTS OF FRENCH CEREALS IN 1975-76 OF 7 TO 8 MILLION TONS. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRINCIPAL CONTROVERSY AT CONGRESS CENTERED ON PRO-

POSAL THAT THE EC ADOPT FOR THE SEASON 1976-77 A 2-PRICE SYSTEM FOR SOFT WHEAT, THE INTERVENTION PRICE FOR BAKING-QUALITY WHEAT TO EXCEED THAT FOR FEED-QUALITY WHEAT BY 10 PERCENT. CONGRESS ADOPTED PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH SEVERAL CEREAL MARKETING REPS SPOKE IN STRONG OPPOSITION. THEY BELIEVE SYSTEM IMPRACTICAL AND ALSO WOULD LEAD TO BAD REPUTATION FOR ALL FRENCH WHEAT FROM BAKING-Q UALITY STAND-POINT, BOTH IN FRENCH AND EXTERNAL MARKETS. AGMINISTER BONNET IN HIS SPEECH TO CONGRESS AGREED TO SEND MEMO TO BRUSSELS SOON ASKING FOR A CLEAR DISTINCTION IN POLICIES BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES WHEAT.

3. CONGRESS PROVIDED A FOCAL POINT FOR FRENCH CEREAL PRODUCERS, INCLUDING CORN, TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TOTAL DISSATISFACTION WITH EC COMMISSION ON MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES DURING 1974-75 SEASON. ESPECIALLY CRITICIZED WERE THE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR WHEAT EXPORTS AT HIGH WORLD MARKET PRICES AND U.S. CORN IMPORTS IN EARLY 1975 AT PRICES BELOW EC INTERVENTION LEVELS. SEVERAL SPEAKERS ALLEGED THAT COMMISSION WAS MISLED BY SECRETARY BUTZ AND OTHER USDA OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH A.G.P.B. PRESIDENT NEESER AT ONE POINT SAID THAT CRITICISMS WERE DIRECTED AT EC OFFICIALS AND NOT AT AMERICANS. HOWEVER, AT END OF RESOLUTIONS ON THIS POINT, CONGRESS ADDED STATEMENT THAT A.G.P.B. STILL STRONGLY ATTACHED TO CAP.

4. HIGHER STOCK LEVELS OF FRENCH CEREALS AT END OF 1974-75 SEASON WERE CITED AS EVIDENCE OF EC MISMANAGEMENT. ESTIMATES OF STOCK CARRYOVER PUBLISHED AT CONGRESS WERE 3.42 MILLION MT WHEAT, 670,000 MT BARLEY , 2.46 MILLION MT CORN. SAME FIGURES FOR YEAR AGO: WHEAT 1.32, BARLEY 150,000, CORN 1.56.

5. PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FOR 1975-76 SEASON ARE AS FOLLOWS WITH 1974-75 FIGURES IN PARENTHESES: SOFT WHEAT 17.0 MILLION MT (18.4), BARLEY 9.4 MILLION MT ( 10.0 ), CORN 11 TO 12 MILLION MT (8.9). IN TOTAL ONLY SLIGHT INCREASE IN TOTAL PRODUCTION BUT A SHARP INCREASE IN EXPORTS FOR THE 3 CEREALS PROJECTED: FROM 13.4 TO 20.3 - 21.3 MILLION MT, BECAUSE OF WORKING STOCKS DOWN TO MORE "ACCEPTABLE"

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LEVELS. A.G.P.B. SPOKESMEN SERVED NOTICE THAT THEY WILL PRESS HARD DURING 1975-76 SEASON FOR RESTITUTIONS SUFFICIENT TO MOVE THAT QUANTITY.

6. REPORTS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE ON PROJECTIONS OF THE 3 CEREALS TO 1980. FURTHER DETAILS ON CONGRESS TOGETHER WITH COPY OF CONGRESS REPORTS WILL BE SENT TO FAS-USDA.

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